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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, applicant hereby petitions that the period for replying to the Office Action that was mailed in connection with the above-captioned application on December 30, 2003 be extended for three months, to and including June 30, 2004.

Enclosed is a check for \$475.00 for the fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a).

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